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1. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLOSE EXAMINATION OF NATO'S CANDIDATE FOR A CD POSITION AND TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING A NATO CONSENSUS IN THE LEAST DIVISIVE MANNER. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THE TACIT ASSUMPTION (REF A) THAT BELGIUM'S CANDIDACY APPEARS THE MOST PROMISING AND THE IMPLICATION THAT WASHINGTON IS WILLING TO TILT IN THIS DIRECTION WHEN APPROPRIATE.

2. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT BELGIAN INTEREST IN CD MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED TO INFLUENCE ITS POSITION ON ISSUES OF US AND ALLIANCE CONCERN. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE US RECENTLY OUTLINED ITS CONCERNS WITH ASPECTS OF THE BELGIAN DEFENSE EFFORT (AWACS, HELIP,
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LTDP,CO-LOCATION OF US EUROPEAN COMMAND'S WARTIME HEAD-QUARTERS WITH SHAPE) IN A VANCE-SIMONET LETTER (REF B), RESPONSE TO WHICH IS STILL OUTSTANDING.

3. ASSUMING RAPID ACTION BY SYG LUNS AND MAJOR DELEGATIONS AT NATO TO RESOLVE THE CD NATO CANDIDACY, WE BELIEVE THERE IS ONLY A NARROW WINDOW DURING WHICH THE US COULD MAKE IT

CLEAR TO BRUSSELS THAT WE FAVOR THEIR CD CANDIDACY. WE DO NOT SUGGEST US HOLD UP NATO CONSENSUS (ASSUMING SUPPORT COALESCES BEHIND BELGIUM), BUT MERELY THAT US SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE IN BRUSSELS THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO SUPPORT BELGIUM IN A REQUEST OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BEAR THIS IN MIND DURING REVIEW OF THE POINTS IN THE VANCE-SIMONET LETTER.
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